



# Melfort

SASKATCHEWAN  
CANADA

THE HEART OF  
THE  
CARROT RIVER  
VALLEY



DEAR FRIEND:

It is with the idea of interesting you in our progressive town that we present this pamphlet. We hope that it will assist you in selecting Melfort as your future home or place of business.

We are proud of our town. It is growing rapidly and has many good openings. We hope that before long we may have the honor of counting you among our citizens.

If you wish any further information be sure to write to "The Secretary of the Board of Trade, Melfort, Sask."

Cordially yours,

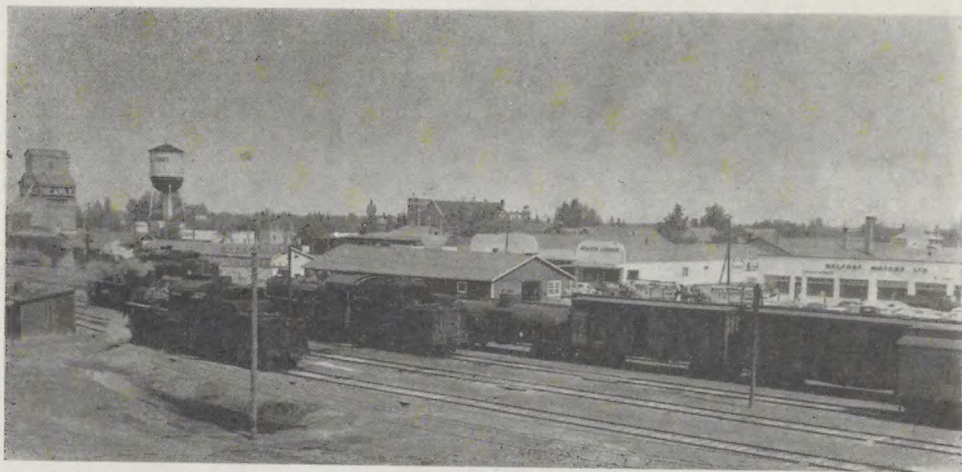
MELFORT BOARD OF TRADE,

July, 1952.



### **MELFORT—LOOKING EAST ALONG CRAWFORD AVE.**

Note: Broadway School, Hospital and Park in left foreground; Collegiate and Airport in left background; Ball Park and Golf Course in upper right; Railways on right.



### **RAILWAY YARDS**

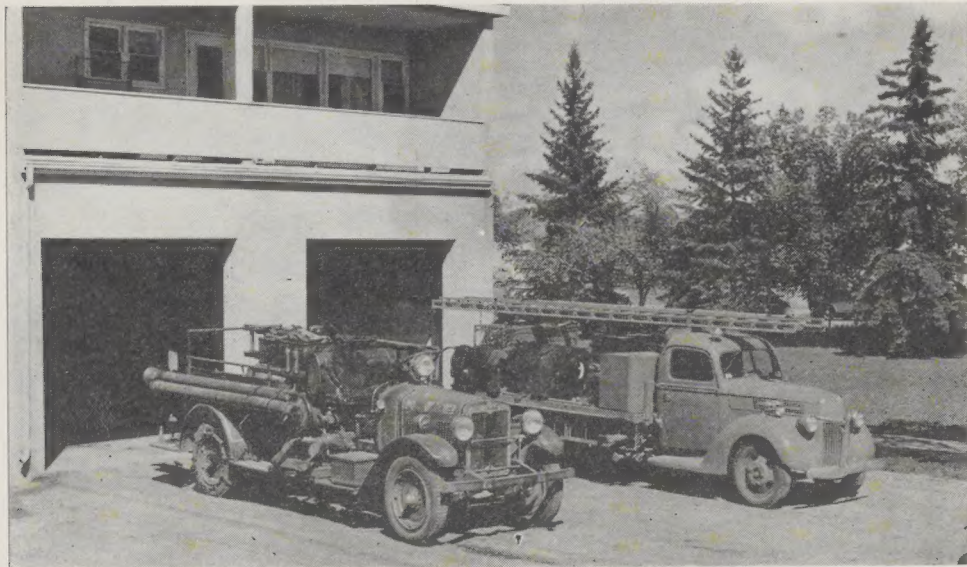
Melfort is an important railway and distributing centre. At most times three or four locomotives may be seen in the yards. The railway payroll adds to the town's business.





### MAIN STREET

Looking south from the Post Office, this shows one of our busy streets with the main business intersection at the upper left of the picture.



### MELFORT FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Our 16-man volunteer Fire Brigade was organized in 1913. A hydrant-hose combination is adequate to reach any part of town, pressure being stepped up by two fire trucks.





### **MELFORT COURT HOUSE**

Our Courthouse was erected in 1928 at a cost of \$80,000. District Court Judge, Sheriff and Registrar are resident. District and Queen's Bench Courts are held here regularly.



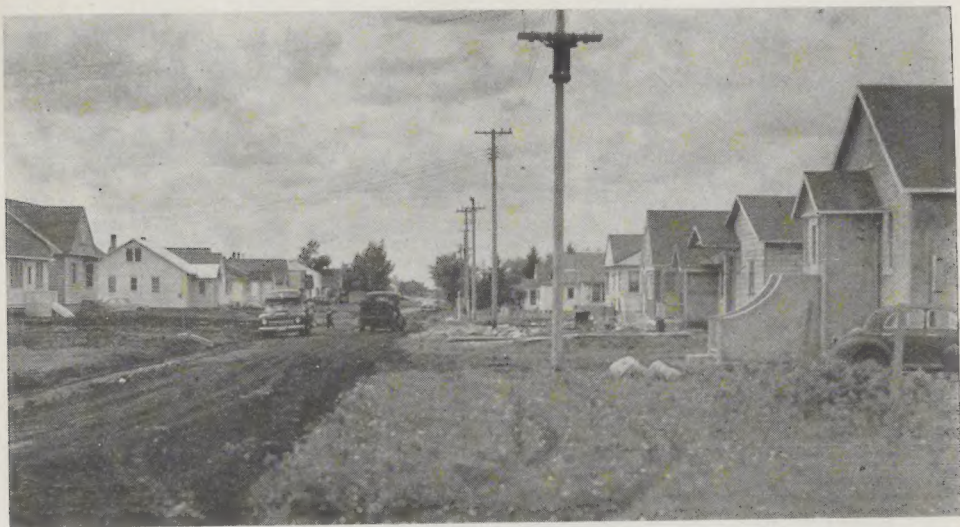
### **MELFORT POST OFFICE**

Our Post Office is being remodelled and enlarged. Last year its stamp sales amounted to approximately \$35,000.00. There are 24 incoming and 24 outgoing mails each week.



### **OLDER RESIDENTIAL AREA**

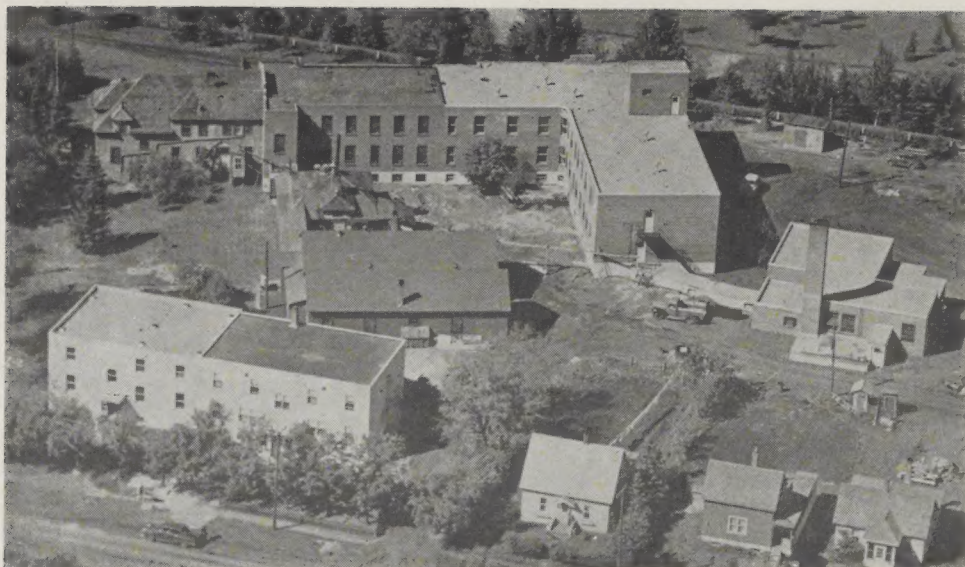
One of Melfort's many well treed residential streets. Extensive tree planting in past years, has added greatly to the beauty of the town as well as supplying shade.



### **NEW RESIDENTIAL AREA**

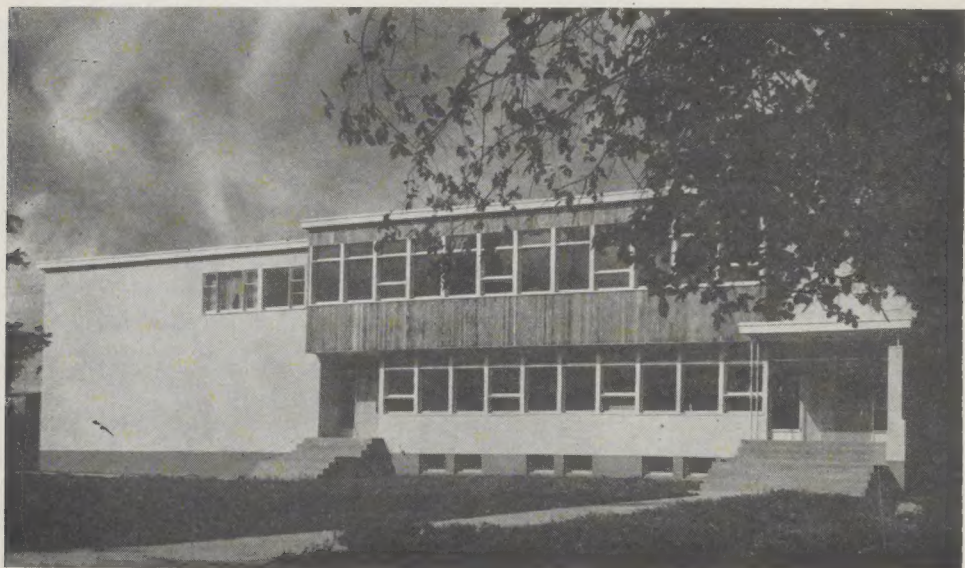
Melfort is extending rapidly with some parts of the town completely new. This is one street of houses recently completed or still under construction.





### **MELFORT UNION HOSPITAL AND NURSES' HOME**

The new wing just added and costing \$320,000.00 equipped, brings our hospital capacity to seventy-two beds and makes this one of the most modern hospitals in the Province.



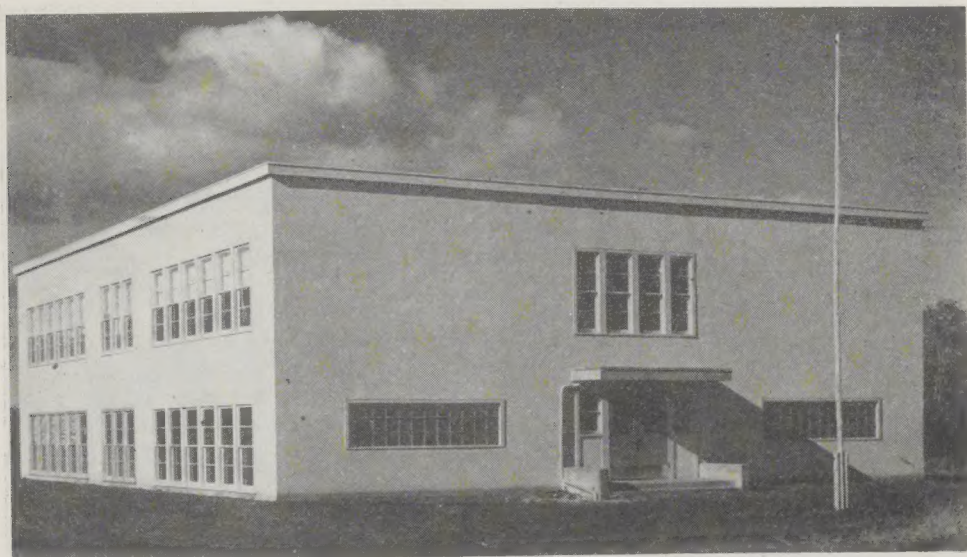
### **MELFORT CIVIC CENTRE**

Houses Fire Hall, Fire Chief's suite, Town Offices, Public Library, Council Chamber and Legion Lounge. When completed it will have a large, modern Auditorium.



### **BROADWAY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

One of Melfort's fine schools. Our schools are located to best serve our growing population.



### **BURKE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Melfort's new modern five room public school makes a total of seventeen rooms for the 770 enrolled public school pupils of our town.





### **MELFORT COMPOSITE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE**

Our new Collegiate provides classes for grades nine to twelve, also shop, home economics and commercial courses. Present enrolment 175. Capacity 240 pupils.



### **ONE OF MELFORT'S CHURCHES**

Melfort is well supplied with churches as there are twelve different denominations represented here.





### MELFORT HANDICRAFT GUILD

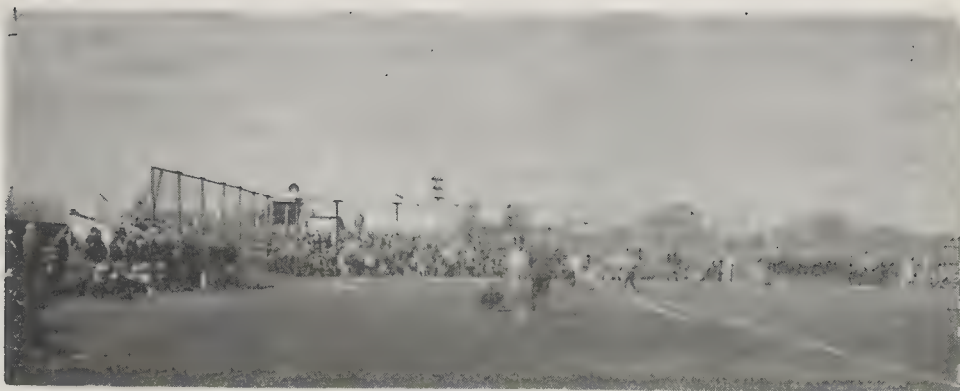
We have long been noted for our Weaving Club but we have now branched out into other lines of Handicraft. Above is shown part of an exhibit by local painters.



### MELFORT HANDICRAFT GUILD

Part of a sewing exhibit. The Guild also does work in Weaving, Art, Fabric Painting, Copper, Leather and Ceramics.





### **KINSMEN PARK**

One of the best in the province; home of Melfort Junior Ball Team, Provincial Champions for 1950 and 1951. A Sandlot League develops players for the older teams.



### **KINSMEN KIDDIES' PLAYGROUND**

During the summer this supervised playground is a wonderful attraction for the kiddies and gives mothers a real break on those hot afternoons.





### **MELFORT RINK**

Skating, fancy skating and strong Pee-Wee and Commercial leagues, make full use of this rink. Our intermediates were Provincial Champions for 1950-51.



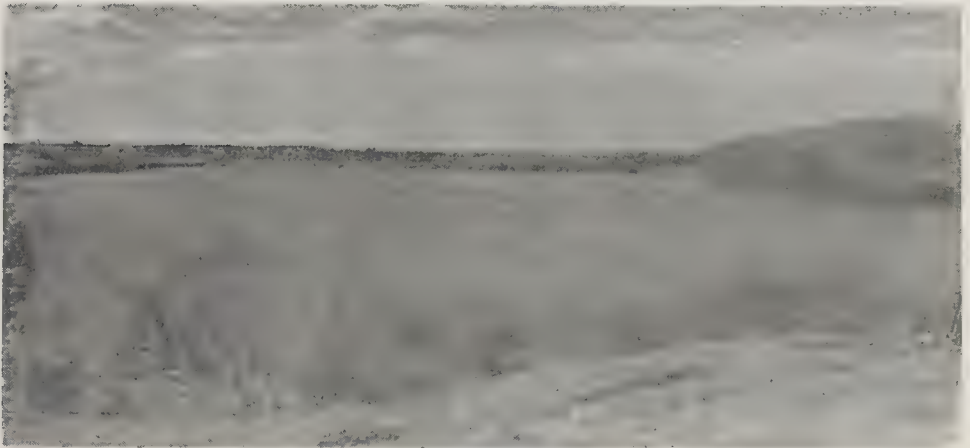
### **MELFORT CURLING RINK**

With six sheets of ice, this splendid rink rings with merriment all winter long. There is a strong Ladies' Club and the Farmers' Club plays in the afternoons.



#### **MELFORT GOLF COURSE**

This is a well kept course and so conveniently located, within easy walking distance of the centre of the town, that maximum use may be made of it.



#### **AT THE DAM**

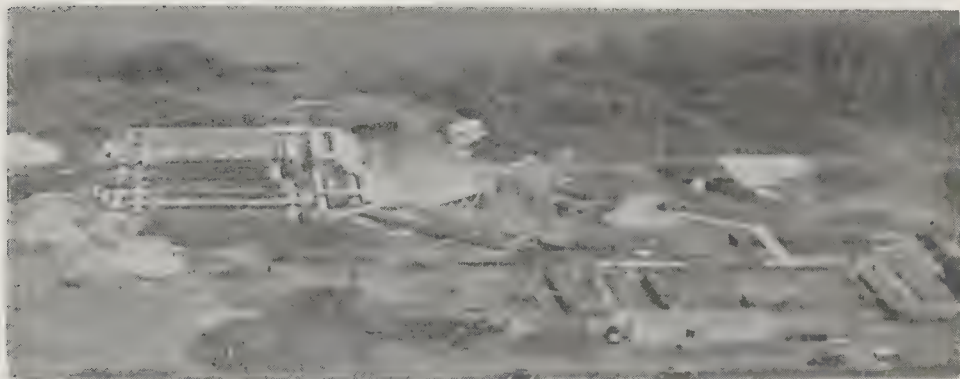
One of the beauty spots and source of water for the town; note the water tower and elevators of Melfort on the sky line.





### **ELKS' SWIMMING POOL**

From spring till fall our swimming pool is well patronized by people of all ages. Lifeguards insure safety for even the little tots.



### **HOME FOR THE AGED**

This \$750,000.00 home is now under construction and will fill a long felt need for this part of the province.



### **THE CENOTAPH**

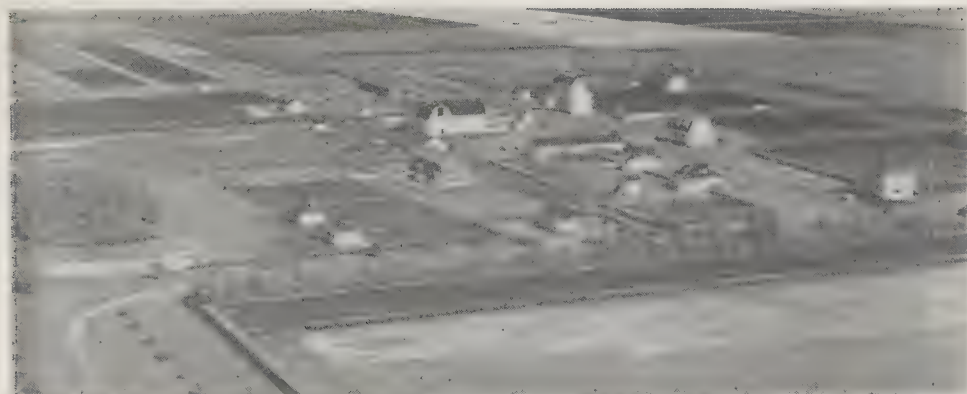
This memorial to those from this district, who gave their lives for their country, stands in attractive surroundings and bears eighty-three names.



### **THE FORKS**

The junction of the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers is an historic and beautiful spot. In early times this river was the highway to the west for those in the fur trade.





### **DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL STATION**

Established in 1935 this station serves the farmers of north eastern Saskatchewan with facts relative to the best farming practices for the area.



### **DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL STATION ORCHARD**

The station has done considerable experimental work in testing and selecting the best types of fruits and vegetables for this district.



### **SNOWPLOW CLUBS**

The district around Melfort is well organized in snowplow clubs. In this way the roads are kept open and cars may be used all winter long on most roads.



### **HARVEST TIME**

A harvest scene on a farm near Melfort. The large level fields encourage the use of big machinery.





### **MIXED FARMING**

Grain farming and this herd of dairy cattle make this one of the well balanced farms of the district. The barn is modern, considerably reducing the labor in dairying.



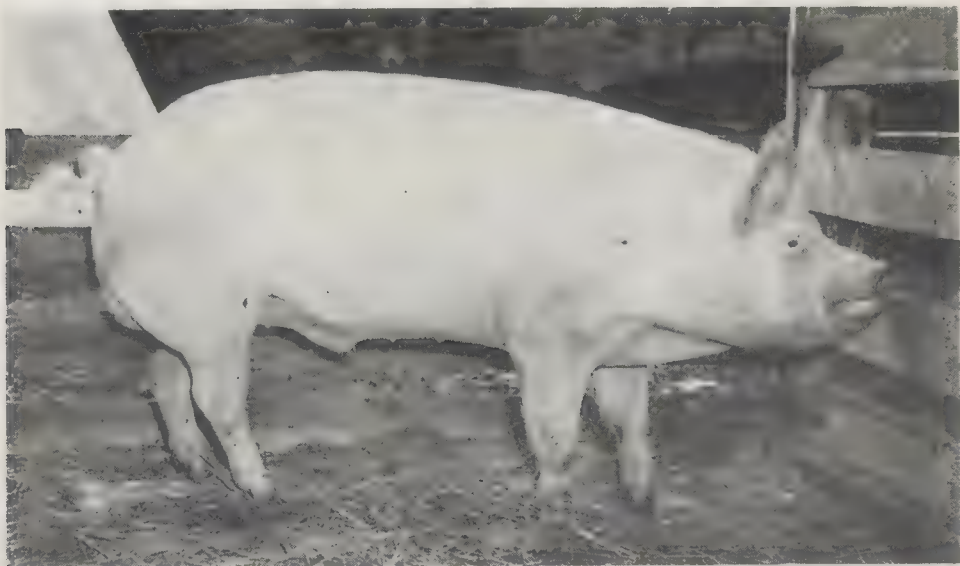
### **MIXED FARMING**

This farm, with its grain, beef cattle and hogs, is an outstanding example of successful modern farm methods. Note the well kept buildings and grounds.



### **MELFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Organized in 1905, it has one of the best class "B" fairs in the province. In the foreground is the 27 ton transformer serving the town; Burke school is left centre.



### **A GOOD TYPE OF HOG**

This hog, shown at Melfort Agricultural Fair, shows the type that is popular with our farmers. Hogs, cattle and grain combine to make for successful farming in this area.





#### **A GOOD SHORTHORN BULL**

Shorthorn, Hereford and Aberdeen Angus beef cattle are all raised in this district. This shows a good beef type Shorthorn bull.



#### **A GOOD JERSEY BULL**

Holstein and Jersey cattle are the popular dairy breeds here. This is a Jersey bull being shown at Melfort Agricultural Fair.

# MELFORT . . .

## THE HEART OF THE CARROT RIVER VALLEY

Situated approximately 550 miles north west of Winnipeg, 700 miles west of Churchill, 150 miles north east of Saskatoon and 184 miles north of Regina, Melfort is the trading centre for more than a million and a half acres of the best black loam land in the west. With an altitude of 1520 feet and an average annual rainfall of 15.58 inches over a thirteen year period, the district is best suited for mixed farming but grain is grown very extensively. Grain was first grown in the district in 1754 at Fort a la Corne and as far as is known there has not been a real crop failure since.

More than nine and a half million bushels of grain were delivered to the elevators in the district from our 1950 crop and large amounts of registered seed were sold through other channels to all parts of North America and some even to Europe. Yields of fifty bushels of wheat and ninety bushels of oats, to the acre, are not unusual. In 1951, well over half a million dollars worth of dairy and poultry products and almost a million and a half dollars worth of livestock were marketed from this district.

Melfort is well situated for electrical power. Work now under construction will provide a supply of 6,000 horsepower, and being available from either Prince Albert or Saskatoon, the possibility of power failure is practically eliminated. When the demand warrants it, the development of the site at Fort a la Corne, 28 miles from Melfort, would provide a further estimated 100,000 horsepower. Our district has 2,450 subscribers of which 650 are farmers.

Our telephone system is up to date and fully automatic. Excluding cities, it is one of the largest automatic exchanges in Canada and has 780 rural phones. In the rural system alone more than 2,000 miles of wire are used. Our twelve page weekly newspaper has a sworn circulation of 2,895. Stamp sales in Melfort post office alone were approximately \$35,000.00 last year.

Melfort is the transportation hub of north eastern Saskatchewan. Both C.N. R. and C.P.R. serve this community, the former radiating in five directions from Melfort and operating fifty-six passenger and mixed trains out of Melfort weekly. The C.P.R. operates twelve passenger trains out of Melfort weekly and in addition has a fast truck express service to the south. Melfort is recognized as an important distributing centre and car loadings of agricultural products are said to be heavier than from any area of the same size in western Canada. We also have highways running in all directions and making good trucking services available. Seventy buses are handled by our depot each week. Our airport is one of the best grass runway ports in the province.

Both rotary and push plows are stationed here during the winter. These keep the highways open and the snowplow clubs of the district keep most of the side roads open so that cars may be used on most roads all winter.

Melfort's population is nearing 3,500 and our property is assessed at two and a third million dollars. We have nearly ten miles of sewer and water, fourteen miles of gravelled streets and seven miles of sidewalk with a large program of improvement and expansion for this year. Building permits of recent years have exceeded \$300,000.00 annually and this year the Home for the Aged is under construction costing nearly a million dollars when completed. We have just learned that construction is to start at once on a fine modern motel project and trailer camp.

The latest addition to our hospital was opened recently bringing the capacity up to seventy-two beds. This new wing is one of the most modern in the province and certainly is the most modern for any town of like size. The enlarged hospital will require a staff of approximately sixty, of which twenty-four will



be nurses. Among the improvements are: central heating, central oxygen supply, and of course, an elevator. In 1951 there were 2,488 patients cared for in this hospital. With four doctors, four dentists and three drugstores, Melfort's health is well protected.

In early times Melfort was not far from "The Highway to the West", the Saskatchewan River, and the district was noted for its furs. Along the river and in other places there are ruins of some of these old Forts and Trading Posts.

Extensive survey work has been done in the district in search for oil. Results have not yet been made public but it is hoped that oil wells will be developed here in due course.

Melfort has facilities for all kinds of recreation including billiards, bowling, and shooting as well as those already mentioned. We have an enthusiastic gun club. For those who are not so actively inclined, we have a modern theatre. Melfort is within easy driving distance of many of the historic sites and beauty spots of the province. Fishing and boating are popular pastimes, wild ducks abound and deer are plentiful.

Melfort has approximately one hundred and seventy-five business places, thirteen clubs and lodges and twelve churches. We also have Boy Scouts, Cubs, Town Band, Pipe Band, Air Force Cadets and a company of the S.L.I. Reserve Army. Our district is policed by the R.C.M.P. with a detachment stationed in Melfort.

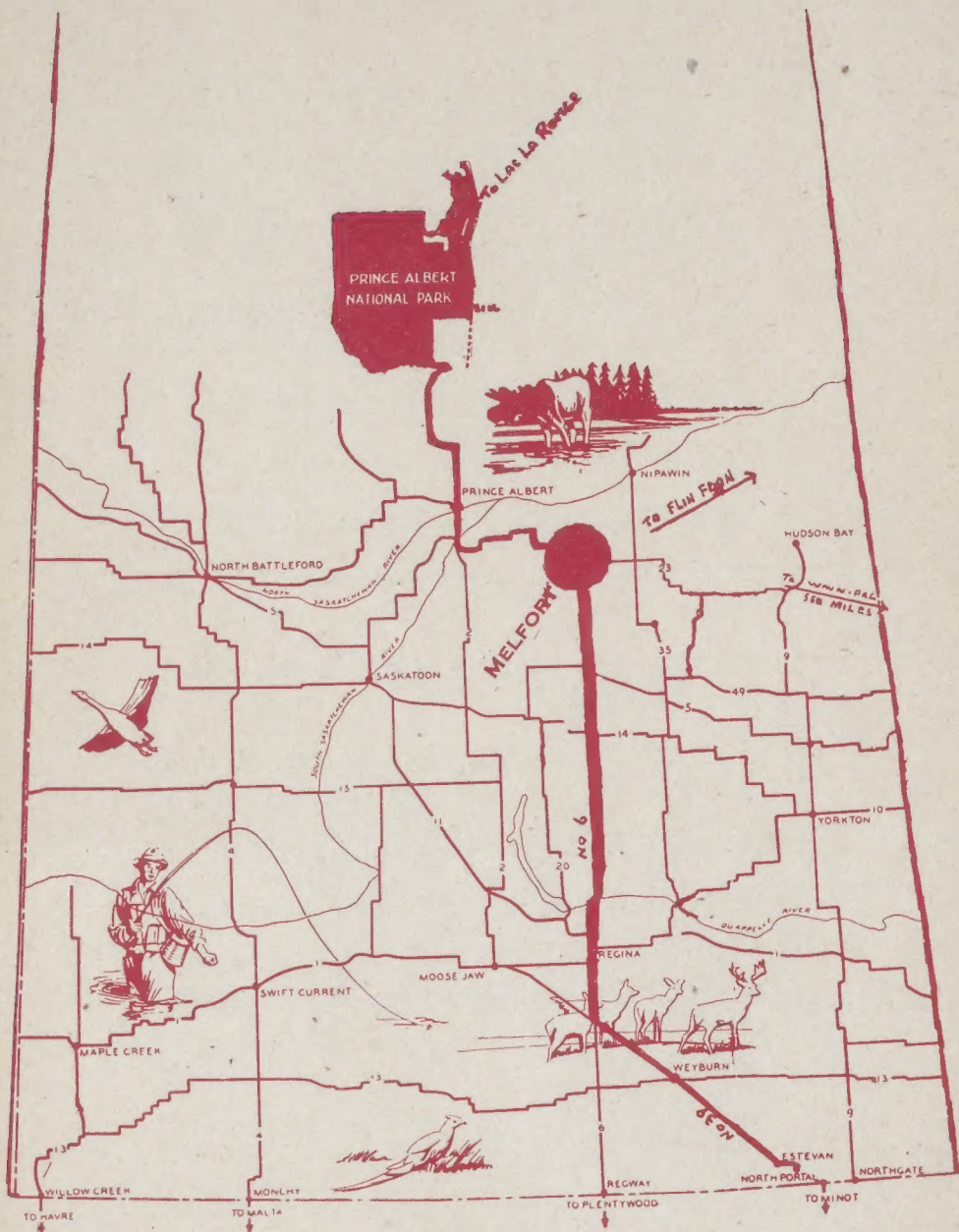
Our town is growing rapidly. Splendid business and industrial sites are available. Melfort presents unusual opportunities as a distributing centre and is a grand town to live in.



IN CLOSING LET US REVIEW SOME OF OUR  
ADVANTAGES:

1. MELFORT is the centre of one of the richest farming areas in Western Canada.
2. MELFORT is a busy, constantly growing town.
3. MELFORT has good recreational facilities.
4. MELFORT offers splendid educational facilities.
5. MELFORT has exceptionally good hospital facilities.
6. MELFORT has good telephone coverage, both town and rural.
7. MELFORT district roads are kept open all year round.
8. MELFORT has ample power for all purposes.
9. MELFORT has exceptional transportation facilities.
10. MELFORT has good opportunities as a distributing centre.





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